

AMERICAN HERITAGE RIVER COMMISSION
MINUTES OF AUGUST 18, 2011 MEETING

In Attendance : (BOLD DENOTES COMMISSION MEMBERS)

Alan Baker **Joanne Drapeau** **Al Floyd** **Jim Halloran** **Gil Hayes** **Lois Noble**
Barbara Sherman **Dick Sherman**
Dick Sullivan **Deb Talamini** **Tom Talamini**

GUESTS: PAUL JUDENIS, KATHERINE JUDENIS BROCHU, MICHAEL BROCHU
AND COREY GARFMAN, REPORTER

Absent:

John Burnham **John Drake** **Albert Grant** **Ken Francis**

CALL TO ORDER: 7:08 PM

ADDED AGENDA ITEMS: Under New Business: e and f

MINUTES of July 21, 2011 MEETING: Approved with 3 abstentions.

ON-GOING BUSINESS:

- a. "Mansions at Canyon Ridge" – Reports that last phase is completed and CO's obtained so we have to get going on meeting regarding the trail.
- b. River Review / Water testing – 2 New trees down south of Melrose Bridge and Rte 140. Dr. Kirsten Martin will attend the September meeting and give a report on the year's water testing. Donated money was spent for more reagents for this water testing, in amount of \$240.
 - a. Trail report – On hold until the fall when water too cold for work there. Eagle Scout candidate reported that his bridge is completed.
 - d. Membership – Dick Sullivan has officially become an alternate member of AHRC.
 - e. Decal sales – 11 more sold.
 - f. Scantic River State Park trail – State now has all documents, hoping to start work on trails by end of September when the leaves are down.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. July 30 and August 6th work parties went up stream from Melrose Bridge and beyond the Enfield line. River now opened (except for recent downed trees) from town line to Omelia Road. On August 9th, work party went to Melrose Bridge area and cleared poison ivy, Chinese bamboo and vines from area.
- b. Conservation Commission – Members attended the meeting and plans for Melrose Bridge decking were approved and a grant applied for.
- c. SRWA – no meeting held this month. Anticipate a moonlight paddle in September.
- d. Streamwalk reports – All sections were completed for East and South Windsor and will be sent on for inclusion in full report.
- e. Trail named – Still tabled.

NEW Business

- a. Melrose Bridge Plans – now proceeding through various Town agencies for review.
- b. August work party – Determined enough August days already spent clearing river, so next will be September 10 – email to confirm will be sent out.
- c. After accomplishing the year's goal, a celebration will take place at the Talamini lake house after work party on September 10, subject to confirmation.
- d. Fun paddle – Open to public as last year's was, tentative date October 1st.
- e. Taste of East Windsor – Proposed that AHRC have a table at this event with display of our accomplishments and invitation to all to participate in fun paddle.
- f. Trail on Norton Farm Property –The guests represented family members who own that property and they expressed concerns about the use of the trail. Discussion took place and issue will be brought to Board of Selectmen.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:20pm.

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Sherman